GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2040
ANSWERED ON:03.08.2001
MOVEMENT OF FOODGRAINS BY FCI
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether bad management and faulty planning has led Food Corporation of India toneedlessly move foodgrains over long distances and pile up losses;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the details of foodgrains moved during last two years;

(c) whether FCI is operating on the old basis and without any resource to the most efficient method of moving foodgrains;

(d) whether efforts have been made to move foodgrains and procure foodgrains with economy;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether the Government are considering movement, handling and storage of foodgrains through private sector participation; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI CHAUHAN)

(a): No, Sir.

(b): Question does not arise in view of (a) above. However, movement of foodgrains during the last to years on FCI account is shown below:-

Year	Movement
1999-2000	221.9 lakh MTs
2000-2001	161.6 lakh MTs

(c),(d)&(e) : No, Sir. FCI plans and moves foodgrains taking into account the logistics andoperational needs as well as the overall requirements of foodgrains management. All out efforts have been made to move foodgrains and procure foodgrains with economy. The details of foodgrains procurement and movement are shown in Annexure.

(f) : Yes, Sir. Government of India has notified on 4 July 2000 a national policy on handling, storage and transportation of foodgrains.

(g) : The above mentioned envisages harnessing the efforts and resources of public and private sectors, both domestic and foreign. The policy also envisages creation and operation of conventional storage capacity by the private sector for storage of foodgrains of the FCI on `Build-Own-Operate`(BOO) basis.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE FEFFERED TO IN REPLY TO PART (c),(d)&(e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2040 FOR ANSWER IN THE LOK SABHA ON 3.8.2001.

STATEMENT SHOWING THE DETAILS OF FOODGRAINS PROCUREMENT AND MOVEMENT DURING THE LAST TWO YEARS.

(Provisional) (Fig. In lakh tonns)

Year	Procurement		Movement	
	Wheat	Rice	Wheat	Rice
1999-2000	141.44	172.73	124.31	97.59
2000-2001	163.56	184.05	68.62	92.99